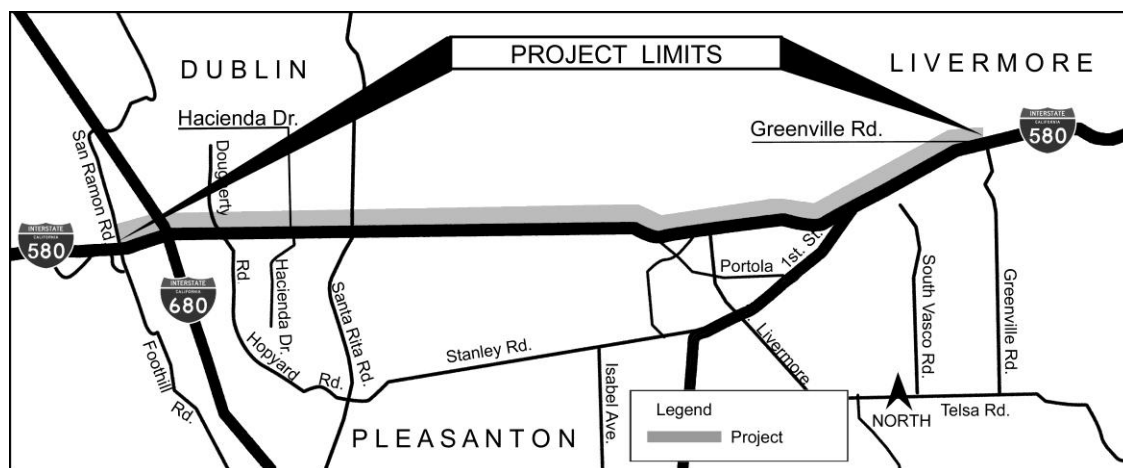


PUBLIC NOTICE

I-580 Westbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Project

Notice of Availability of Draft Fine Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) Report



WHAT'S HAPPENING: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) are proposing to widen Interstate 580 (I-580) to construct a westbound high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane from the Greenville Road interchange in Livermore to the Foothill Road/San Ramon Road Interchange in Dublin/Pleasanton, a distance of approximately 13.2 miles.

In 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Final Transportation Conformity Rule that established requirements for transportation conformity and developed procedures to determine which transportation projects must be analyzed for local air quality impacts in fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) nonattainment and maintenance areas. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is responsible for determining that projects included in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (including these projects) are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for achieving the goals of the Clean Air Act.

Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) refers to particles smaller than 2.5 microns that can be inhaled deeply into lungs and cause damage to people's health. Particulate matter comes from combustion activities, including motor vehicles, and can cause dust from roads and highway construction to be re-suspended in the atmosphere. In December 2009, EPA designated the Bay Area as nonattainment for the national 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard.

Project-level conformity analysis for PM_{2.5} shows that the project will conform with the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis for PM_{2.5} with interagency consultation required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1), as determined by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force on February 28, 2012. A detailed PM_{2.5} hot spot analysis was completed, as required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123, based on U.S. EPA Guidance. Public comment is requested on the PM_{2.5} project-level conformity analysis that was completed for this project.

The analysis addresses the construction of the proposed project, including components identified in the MTC's Transportation 2035 Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. The assessment adheres to the Final Transportation Conformity rule and demonstrates that the proposed project meets the Clean Air Act conformity requirements and will not conflict with state and local measures to improve regional air quality.

WHY THIS AD: This notice is to inform you that the Draft Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Report is available on the Caltrans website (www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm) and the Alameda CTC website (www.alamedactc.org/news_sections/view/1) for a 15-day review period. Printed copies of the report may be found at the Caltrans Transportation Library: 111 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94612; Alameda CTC Offices: 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612; the Dublin Public Library: 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568; the Livermore Public Library: 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94550; and the Pleasanton Public Library: 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

WHERE YOU COME IN: Comments on the Draft PM2.5 Report may be submitted in writing. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2012, via U.S. mail or e-mail to:

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www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm and www.alamedactc.org/news_sections/view/1

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST A COPY OF THE DRAFT PM 2.5 REPORT:

Individuals who would like to request a copy or who require portions of the report in alternative formats or translated are asked to contact Caltrans District 4 Public Information Center at (510) 286-4444, the Office of Environmental Analysis at (510) 286-5623. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711.

